

# THE GVLS

Horne-booke:

*Stultorum plena sunt omnia.*

Al Sauio meza parola,  
Basta.

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To all Guls in generall, wealth and  
Libertie.



HOM can I choſe (my moſt worthie  
*Mecan-aſſes*) to be Patrons to this labour  
of mine fitter the your ſelves? your hands  
are euer open, your purſes neuer ſhut. So  
that you ſtand not in the *Common Rancke*  
of *Dry-fiſted Patrons*, (who giue nothing)  
for you giue all. Schollers therefore are as much beholden  
to you, as Vintners, Players and Puncks are: Thoſe three  
trades gaine by you more then Vſurers do by thirty in the  
hundred: You ſpend the wines of the one, you make ſup-  
pers for the other, and change your Gold into White-  
money with the third. Who is more liberall then you?  
who (but onely Cittizens) are more free? Blame me not  
therefore if I pick you out from the bunch of *Booke-takers*,  
to conſecrate theſe fruits of my braine (which ſhall neuer  
die) onely to you. I know that moſt of you (O admirable  
*Guls!*) can neither write nor reade. A *Horne-booke* haue I  
inuented, becauſe I would haue you well ſchooled. *Powles*  
is your *Walke*; but this your Guid: if it lead you right,  
thanke me: if aſtray, men will beare with your errors, be-  
cauſe you are *Guls*. *Fare-well.*

T. D.

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## To the Reader.



Gentle Reader, I could willingly be content that thou shouldst neither be at cost to buy this booke, nor at the labour to reade it. It is not my ambition to bee a man in Print, thus euery Tearme; Ad prælum, tanquàm ad prælium; Wee should come to the Presse as we come to the Field (seldome.) This Tree of Guls was planted long since, but not taking roote, could neuer beare till now. It hath a relish of Grobianisme, and tastes very strongly of it in the beginning. The reason thereof is, that hauing translated many Bookes of that into English Verse, and not greatly liking the Subiect, I altered the Shape, and of a Dutchman, fashioned a meere Englishman, it is a Table wherein are drawne sundry Pictures: the callors are fresh: if they bee well laid on, I thinke my workmanship well bestowed: if ill, so much the better, because I draw the pictures onely of Guls.

T. D.





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# The Guls Horn-booke:

OR

*Fashions to please all sorts of Guls.*

*Proemium.*



Sing (like the Cuckoos in June) to be  
laught at: If therefore I make a scurvy  
noise, and that my tunes sound vnmusical-  
ly (the Ditty being altogether lame in re-  
spect of the bad fete, and vnbanesome in re-  
gard of the woyme-eaten fashion) you that  
haue authority vnder the broad seale of  
mouldy custom, to be called the Gentle Au-  
dience, set your goodly great hands to my  
pardon: or else because I scoone to be vpbraided that I professe to  
instruct others in an Art, whereof I my selfe am ignozant, Doe  
your worst: chuse whether you will let my notes haue you by the  
eares or no: hisse or giue plaudities, I care not a nut-shell which  
of either: you can neither shake our Comick Thearer with your  
stinking bzeath of hisses, nor raise it to the thunder claps of your  
hands: vp it goes in Desperro del fato: y motley is bought, & a coat  
with foure elbowes (so any one that will weare it) is put to ma-  
king in defiance of the senen wise maisters: for I haue sinelt out  
of the musty shetes of an old Almanacke, that (at one time or o-  
ther) euen he that iets vpon the neatest and sprucest leather, euen  
he that talkes all Adage & Apohegme, euen he that will not haue  
a wrinckle in his new Satten suit, though his mind be vgluer then  
his face, and his face so ill fauoredly made, that he lookes at all  
times as if a tothy drabwer were fumbling about his gommies with



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a thousand lame Heteroclites more, that open the world with a  
guilt spurre, and a rustled boote, will be all glad to sit themselves  
in Will Sommers his waistcoat, and be driven (like a Flemish Boy  
in foule weather) to slip into our Schoole, and take out a lesson.  
Tush, Cælum petimus stulticia, all that are chosen Constables for  
their wit go not to heauen.

A sig therefore for the new found Colledge of Criticks. You  
Courtiers that do nothing but sing the Gamuch. Are of comple-  
mentall courtesie, and at the rusticall behauiour of our Countrie  
Muse, will shew forth worse faces then those which God and the  
Painter has bestowed vpon you, I desire your persons scorne:  
and bow to poyson your Muske rats, if their ciuet excrement doe  
but once play with my nose. You ordinary Gullies, that through a  
poye and silly ambition to be thought you inherit the reuenues  
of extraordinary wit, will spend your halbow centurie vpon the  
most elaborate Poetrie, so lamishly, that all the painted table-men  
about you, take you to be heires apparant to rich Midasse, that had  
more skill in Alchimy, then Kelly with the Philosophers Stone:  
(for all that he could lay his fingers on, turned into beaten gold)  
Dry Tobacco with my leanes (you good & y<sup>e</sup> bained Polipragmo-  
nists) till your pipe offices. Annoake with your pittifully stinking  
girds shot out against me. I conuise you (as you come of the  
right Goose-caps) staine not your house; but when at a new play  
you take vp the twelue-penny come next the stage, (because the  
Lords & you may seeme to be haile fellow wel met) there draw forth  
this booke, read aloud, laugh aloud, and play the Antickes, that  
all the garlike mouthd stinkards may cry out, Away with the  
Foole: As for the Zeylus, goe hang thy selfe: and for the Momus  
chew nothing but hemlock, & spit nothing but the sirrup of Aloes  
vpon my papers, till thy very rotten lungs come forth for anger.  
I am Snake-prose: and though with Hanniball you bring whole  
hogs-heads of vinegar railings, it is impossible for you to quench  
or come ouer my Alpine-resolution: I will saile boldly and despe-  
rately alongst the shore of y<sup>e</sup> Ile of Guls: & in defiance of those ter-  
rible blockhouses, their loggerheads, make a true discovery of their  
wild (yet habitable) Country.

Sound an Allarum therefore (O thou my couragious Muse)  
and like a Dutch cryer make proclamation with thy Drum: the  
effect



effect of thine O-yes, being, That if any man, woman, or child, be he Lord, be he Lowne, be he Courtier, be he Carter, of y<sup>e</sup> Innes a Court, or Innes of Citty, that hating from the bottome of his heart, all good manners and generous education, is really in loue, or rather doates on that excellent country Lady, Innocent simplicity, being the first, fairest, and chiefest Chamber-maide that our great Grandame Eve, entertained into seruice: Or if any person aforesaid longing to make a voyage in the ship of Foles, would venture all the wit that his mother left him, to liue in the country of Guls, Cockneyes, and Coxcombs; to the intent that hauing Theaters, he may sit there like a popinay, onely to learne Palay-speeches, which afterward may furnish y<sup>e</sup> necessity of his bare knowledge, to maintaine table talk, or else heating Tauernes, desires to take the Bacchanalian degrees, and to waite himselfe in Arte bibendi magister: that at ordinaries would sit like Biasle, and in the streets walke like a braggart; that on fote longs to goe like a French Lacque, and on horse-backe rides like an English Tailor, or that from seven yeares and upward, till his dying day, has a monethes mind to haue y<sup>e</sup> Guls Horn-booke by heart, by which in time he may be promoted to serue any Lord in Europ, as his craty ffole or his batordy Jester, yea and to be so dore to his Lordship, as for the excellency of his swling, to be admitted both to ride in Coach with him, and to lie at his very fete on a truckle-bed. Let all such (and I hope the world has not left her olde fashions, but there are ten thousand such) repaire hither. Peurr knocke, you that strue to be Ninny-hammer) but with your fete spurne open the dore and enter into our Schole: you shall not neede to buy bookes, no, scoorne to distinguish a B from a battle dore, onely looke that your eares be long enough to reach our Rudiments, and you are made for euer. It is by heart that I would haue you to con my lessons, and therefore be sure to haue most deuouring stomaches. For be you terrified with an opinion that our Rules be hard and indigestible, or that you shall neuer be good Graduates in these rare sciences of Barbarisme, and Idiotisme: Oh fie vppon any man that carries that bugodly minde! Tush, tush, Tarleton, Kemp, no, Singer, no, all the litter of Foles that now come drawling behinde them, neuer plaid the Clownes moze naturally then the arrantest Dot of you all;

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thall, if hee will but boyle my Instructions in his bzaine-pan.

And lest I my selfe, like some Pedanticall Vicar, stammering out a most false and crackt latine oration to maister Maior of the towne and his brethzen, should cough and hem in my deliueries, by which meanes you (my Auditors) should be in danger to depart moze like woodcockes then when you came to me: O thou venerable father of antient (and therefore hoary) customes, Syluanus, I inuoke thy assistance; thou that first taughtest Carters to weare hob-nailes, and Lobs to play Christmas gambols, and to shew the most beastly horse-trickes: O do thou, or (if thou art not at leasure) let thy Mountibancke goat-footed Fauni, inspire me, with the knowledge of all those silly and ridiculous fashions, which the old dunsticall world woare euen out at elbowes: draw for me the pictures of the most simple fellows then liuing, that by their patterns I may paint the like. Awake thou noblest drunkerd Bacchus, thou must likewise stand to me (if at least thou canst for reeling) teach me (you soueraigne Skinker) how to take the Germanies vpsy freeze, the Danish Rowla, the Switzers stoap of Rhenish, the Italians Parmizant: the Englishmans healthes, his hopes, cans, halfe cans, Gloues, Frolicks and flap dragons, together with the most notozious qualities of the truest tospots, as when to cast, when to quarrell, when to fight, and where to sleepe: hide not a drop of thy moyst mystery from me, (thou plumpett swill-bowle) but (like an honest red-nosed wine bibber) lay open all thy secrets & y mystical Hieroglyphick of Raslers ath coales, Modicums & Shooing hornes, and why they were inuented, for what occupations, and when to be vsed. Thirdly (because I will haue moze then two strings to my bow) Comus, thou Clarke of Gluttonies Kitchen, doe thou also bid me profane, and let me not rise from table, till I am perfect in all the generall rules of Epicures and Cormorants. Fatten thou my bzaines that I may fede others, and teach them both how to squat downe to their meat, and how to munch, so like Lobies, that the wisest Solon in the world shall not be able to take them for any other. If there be any strength in thee, thou beggerly monarke of Indians, and setter-by of rotten-lungd chimney-sweepers (Tobacco) I beg it at thy smoaky hands: make me thine adopted helre, that inheriting the vertues of thy whiffes, I

may



may distribute them amongst all nations, and make the phantastick Englishmen (aboue the rest) more cunning in the distinction of thy Rowle Trinidado, Lease and Pudding, then the whitest toothd Blackamoye in all Asia. After thy pipe, shal ten thousands be taught to daunce, if thou wilt but discover to me the sweetnesse of thy snuffes, with the manner of spatoling, flauering, spetting and danieling in all places, and befoze all persons. Oh what songs will I charme out in praise of those valiantly strong stinking breaths, which are easily purchast at thy hands, if I can but get thee to trauell through my nose. All the foh's in the fairest Ladies mouth that euer kist Lord, shall not fright me from thy browne presence: for thou art humble, and from the Courts of Princes hast boughsafed to be acquainted with penny galleries, and (like a good fellow) to be drunke for company, with Water-men, Carmen and Colliers, wheras befoze, and so still, Knights and wise Gentlemen were, & are thy companions. Last of all, thou Lady of Clowes and Carters, Scholenuistres of soles and wisacres, thou hemely (but harmelesse) Rusticity, Oh breath thy dull and dunsticall spirit into our ganders quill; crowne me thy Poet, not with a garland of Bayes, (oh no! the number of those that steals Lawret is too monstrous already) but swaddle thou my browes with those vnhanfome boughes, which (like Autums rotten haire) hang dangling ouer thy dusty eye-lids. Helpe me (thou midwife of vnmanerlinesse) to be deliuered of this Embryon that lies tumbling in my bzaire: direct me in this hard and dangerous voyage, that being safely arriued on the desired shore, I may build vp Altars to thy Vnmarcheable Rudenesse: the excellency whereof I know will be so great, that Grout-nowles and Moames will in swarmes fly buzzing about thee. So Herculean a labour is this that I vndertake, that I am enforced to ball out for all your succours, to the intent I may aptly furnish this feast of Fooles, vnto which I solemnelly inuite all the world: for at it shall sit not only those whom Fortune fauours, but euen those whose wits are naturally their stone. Yet because your artificiall fowles beare away the bell, all our best workmanship (at this time) shall be spent to fashion such a Creature.



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CHAP. I.

The old world & the new waighed together: The Tailors of those times and these compared: The apparell and dyer of our first fathers.

**C**LOATHES are the embrodded trappings of pride, and god there the very Eringo-roote of gluttony; so that fine backs, and fat bellies are Coach-horses to two of the seven deadly sins: In the bootes of which Coach, Lechery and Sloth sit like the waiting-maide. In a most desperate state therefore doe Taylors and Cokes stand by meanes of their offices, for both those trades are Apple-squices, to that couple of sinnes. The one invents more phantastike fashions, then Fraunce hath woine since her first stone was laid: the other more likerish Epycurian dishes, then were ever serued by to Gallonius table. Who man (thinke you) come wangling into the world, about no better matters, then all his life time to make pining searches in Blutchin-hale for Whales-bone doublets, or for pies of Nightingale tongues in Heliozabalus his kitchin? No, no, the first suit of apparell that ever most all man put on, came neither from the Mercers shop, nor the Merchants ware-house: Adams bill would haue bene taken then sooner then a Knights bond now, yet was hee great in no bodies bookes for fatten and beluets: the silk-woymes had something else to do in those dayes then to set by lomes and be free of the weauiers, his breeches were not so much worth as Ik. Stephens, that rost but a poore noble: for Adams holyday hose and doublet were of no better stufte then plaine fig leaues, and Eues best gowne of the same peece, there went but a paire of sheres betwene them. An Antiquary in this towne, has yet some of the powder of those leaues dyed to shew. Taylors then were none of the twelue Companies: their Hall that now is larger then some Dozpes among the Netherlands, was then no bigger then a Dutch Butchers shop: they durst not strike downe their customers with large billes: Adam cared not an apple-paring for all their lousy hems. There was then neither the Spanish slop, nor the Shippers galligaskin: the Switzers bluffed Cod-peece, nor the Danish sleue, sagging

ging downe like a Welsh wallet, the Italians close stroller, nor the French standing collar: your trebble-quadruple Dardanian rasses, nor your stiffe necked Rebatoes (that haue more arches for pride to rest vnder, then can stand vnder five London Bridges) durst not then set themselves out in print: for the pattent for starch could by no meanes bee signd. Fashions then was counted a disease, and bodies dyed of it: But now (thanks to folly) it is held the onely rare physicke, and the purest golden Asles lue vpon it.

As for the dyet of that Saturnian age, it was like their attire, homely: A sallad, and a messe of lorde porridge, was a dinner for a farre greater man then euer the Turke was: Potato-pies and Custards, stood like the finall suburbs of Cokery, and had not a wall (so much as a handfull hie) built round about them. There were no daggers then, nor no Chapres. Crookes his ordinary in those parsimonious dayes; had not a Capons leg to throw at a dog. Oh golden world, the suspicious Venecian carned not his meate with a siluer pitch-fork: neither did the sweet toothd Englishman shift a dozen of trenchers at one meale. Peirs ploughman layd the cloth, and Simplicity brought in the boyder. How wonderfully is the world altered: and no maruell, for it has lyen sicke almost five thousand yeares: So that it is no more like the old Theater du monde then old Paris garden is like the Kings garden at Paris.

What an excellent workeman therefore were he that could cast the Globe of it into a new mould: And not to make it loke like Mullineux his Globe with a round face sleekt and washt ouer with whites o' egges: but to haue it in Plano, as it was at first, with all the ancient circles, lines, paralels and figures, representing indeede, all the wrinkles, cracks, creases and flaws that (like the Hole on Hartens cheeke, being os amoris) stuck vpon it at the first creation, and made it loke most leuely; but now those furrowes are filld vp with Ceruse and Alchemion, yet all will not doe, it appeares more ugly. Come, come, it would be but a bald world, but that it weares a periwig. The body of it is soyle (like a birding-pie) by being too much heated: the breath of it stinks like the mouthes of Chamber-maides by feeding on so many sweet meats. And though to purge it wil be a soyer labour then the clensing



clensing of Augeas stable, or the scowring of Poye-ditch: yet  
*Ille ego, qui quondam*, I am the Pasquilles mad-cap, that will  
 dot.

Draw neere therefore all you that loue to walke vpon single  
 and simple soules, and that wish to keepe company with none but  
 Innocents, and the sonnes of ciuill Citizens, out with your ta-  
 bles, and naile your eares, (as it were to the pillary) to the  
 Musique of our instructions: noz let y title Gullery, fright you fro  
 schole: for marke what an excellent ladder you are to climie by.  
 How many worthy, and men of famous memory (for their lear-  
 ning of all offices, from the scauenger and so vppward) haue flou-  
 rished in London, of y ancient familie of y Wiscacres, being now  
 no better esteemed then soles and ponger brothers: This geare  
 must be lookt into, lest in time (O lamentable time when that  
 houre-glasse is turnd vp) a rich mans sonne shall no soner pepe  
 out of the shell of his minority, but he shall straight waies be begd  
 for a concealement, or set vpon (as it were by free-brothers) and  
 tane in his owne purse-nets by fencers and cony-catchers. To  
 dzine which pestilent infection from the heart, beeres a medicine  
 more potent and more precious then was ener that mingle man-  
 gle of drugs which Mithrydates boyld together. Feare not to tast  
 it, a catwale will not goe downe halfe so smoothly as this will: you  
 neede not call the honest name of it in question, for Antiquity puts  
 off his cap, and makes a bare oration in praise of the vertues of it:  
 the Receipt hath bene subscribed vnto, by all those that haue had  
 to doe with Simples with this moth-eaten Motto, *Probatum est*:  
 your Diacatholicon aurcum, that with gun-powder bzings threa-  
 tens, to bloke vp all diseases that come in his way, & smells worse  
 then *Alsa foetida* in respect of this. You therefore whose bodies  
 either ouerflowing with the corrupt humours of this ages phanta-  
 sicknesse, or else being burnt vp with the inflammation of vpsart  
 fashions, would faine be purgd: and to shew that you truly loath  
 this polluted and mangy-fisted world, turne Pimonists, not caring  
 either for men or their maners; doe you pledge me: spare not to  
 take a deepe draught of our homely counsell: the cup is full, and so  
 vge, that I boldly drinke a health vnto all conmers.



CHAP. II.

How a young Gallant shall not onely keepe his clothes (which many of them can hardly doe for Brokers) but also saue the charges of taking physicke: with other rules for the morning. The praise of Sleepe and of going naked.



I haue heard all this while nothing but the Prologue, and scene no more but a dumbe shew: But Venus Comædia steps out now. The fittest day, vpon which you (that study to be an Actor there) are first to present your selfe, is in my approued iudgement the softest and largest Downe-bed: from whence (if you will but take sound counsell of your pillow) you shall neuer rise till you heare it ring none at least. Sleepe in the name of Morpheus your belly full, or (rather) sleepe till you heare your belly growles and is reth empty. Care not for those coarse painted cloath rimes, made by the Uniuersity of Salerne, that come ouer you, with

*Su breuis, aut nullus, tibi somnus meridianus.*

Shore let thy sleepe at noone be,  
Or rather let it none be.

Sweete candied counsell, but theres rats-bane vnder it: trust neuer a Bachelor of Art of them all, for he speakes your health faire but to steale away the maidenhead of it: Salerne stands in the luscious country of Naples, and who knowes not that the Neapolitan, will (like Derick the hang-man) embrace you with one arme, and rip your guts with the other: theres not a haire in his Mustache, but if he kille you, will stabbe you through the cheekes like a poyard: the flauie to be auenged on his enemy, will drinke off a pint of poison himselfe, so he may be sure to haue the other pledge him but halfe so much: And it may be that vpon some secret grudge to worke the generall destruction of all mankind, those verses were composed. Physicians I know (and none else) took vpon the bucklers in their desente, railing bitterly vpon that venerable and princely custome of Long lying a bed: Yet now I remember me, I cannot blame them:

for they which want sleepe (which is mans naturall rest become either incere Naturals, or else fall into the Doctors hands, and so consequently into the Lords: whereas he that snoozes profoundly, scornes to let Hippocrates himselfe stand footing on his Anall: and thereby saues that charges of a groates worth of Physicke: And happy is that man that saues it: for physick is, Non minus venefica, quam benefica, it hath an ounce of gall in it, for every dram of hony. Ten Tyburnes cannot turne men ouer y<sup>e</sup> pearch so fast as one of these brewers of purgations: the very nerves of their practise, being nothing but Ars Homicidiorum, an Art to make poore soules kick vp their heeles. In so much that euen their sicke grunting patients, stand in more danger of Sh. Dod and his drugs, then of all the Cannon shots which the desperate disease it selfe can discharge against them. Send them packing therefore to walke like Italian Mountbankes, beate not your braines to understand their parcell-greke, parcell-latine gibbrish: let not all their sophistical buzzing into your eares, nor their Satyricall canuassing of feather-beds and tossing men out of their warme blankets, awake you till the houre that here is prescribed.

For doe but consider what an excellent thing sleepe is: It is so inestimable a Jewell, that if a Tyrant would giue his crowne for an houres slumber, it cannot be bought: of so beautifull a shape is it, that tho a man lye with an Emperesse, his heart can not be at quiet, till he leanes her embracements to be at rest with the other: yea so greatly indebted are we to this kindeman of death, that we owe the better tributary, halfe of our life to him: and thers good cause why we should do so: for sleepe is that golden chaine that ties health and our bodies together. With complaints of want: of woundes: of cares: of great mens oppressions: of captivity: whilst hee sleepeth? Beggers in their beds take as much pleasure as Kings: can we therefore surfet on this delicate Ambrosia: can we drink too much of that whereof to tast too little, tumbles vs into a Church-yard, and to vse it but indifferently, thzowes vs into Bedlam: No, no, looke vpon Eudymion, the Sonne of Menoit who slept thre core & fiftene years: and was not a haire the worse for it. Can lying abedde till none then ( being not the threescore and fiftenth thousand



land part of his nap be hurtfull?

Besides, by the opinion of all Philosophers and Physicians, it is not good to trust the aire with our bodies till the Sun with his flame-coloured wings hath sand away the mistie smoake of the morning, and refind that thicke tobacco-breath which the rheumaticke night throwes abroad of purpose to put out the eye of the Clement: which worke questionlesse cannot be perfectly finish't till the Sunnes Car-horses stand prancing on the very top of highest none: so y then, and not till then is the most healthfull houce to be sitting. Do you require examples to persuade you? At what time do Lords and Ladies vse to rise but then: your simpring Merchants wiues are the fairest lyers in the world, and is not eleuen a clocke their common houre? they finde (no doubt) unspeakeable sweet esse in such lying, else they would not day by day put it so in practise. In a word, mid-day slumbers are golden, they make the body fat, the skin faire, the flesh plump, delicate and tender; they set a russet colour on the cheekes of young women, and make lusty courage to rise up in men: they make vs thir'ty, both in sparing victuals (for breakfasts thereby are sand from the hell-mouth of the belly) and in preferring apparell: for whilest we warme vs in our beds, our cloathes are not woone.

The casements of thine eyes being then at thys commendable time of the day, newly set open, chuse rather to haue thy wind-pipe cut in peeces then to salute any man. Wd not good morrow so much as to thy father, tho he be an Emperour. An idle ceremony it is, and can doe him little good; to thy selfe it may bring much harme: for if he be a wise man that knowes how to hold his peace, of necessity must he be counted a foole that cannot keepe his tongue?

Amongst all the wild men, that runne by and doe woe in this wide forrest of foales. (the world) none are more superstitious then those notable Ebricians, the Jewes: yet a Jewe neuer weares his cap threed-bare with putting it off: neuer bends it's hammes with casting away a leg: neuer cries God saue you, tho he sees the Diuell at your elbow. Play the Jewes therefore in this, and saue thy lips that labour, onely remember that so soone as thy eye lids be vnglewd thy first exercise must be (either sitting by g't on thy pillow, or rarely lolling at thy bodies whole

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length, to yaloue, to stretch and to gape wider then any oyster-  
wife : for thereby thou doest not onely send out the liuely spirits  
(like Vaunt-currers) to fortifie and make good the uttermost boz-  
ders of the body ; but also (as a cunning painter) thy goodly li-  
neament is are drawne out in their fairest proportion.

This lesson being playd : turne ouer a new lease, and (vnlesse  
that frizzeled Curre, cold winter, offer to bite thee) walke a  
while, vp and downe thy chamber, either in thy thin shirt onely,  
or else (which at a bare word is both more decent and more de-  
lectable) strip thy selfe starke naked. Are we not bozne so : and  
shall a foolish custome make vs to breake the lawes of our Crea-  
tion : our first parents so long as they went naked, were suffered  
to dwell in paradise, but after they got coates to their backs,  
they were turnd out a doores : But on therfore either no appa-  
rel at all, or put it on carelessly : for looke how much more delicate  
libertie is then bondage, so much is the losenesse in wearing of  
our attire, aboue the imprisonment of being neatly and Tailor-  
like drest vp in it : To be ready in our clothes, is to be ready for  
nothing else. A man lokes as if hee hung in chaines ; or like  
a scar-crow : and as those excellent birds (whom Pliny could neuer  
haue the wit to catch in all his sprindges commonly called wood-  
cocks (whereof there is great store in England) hauing all their  
feathers pluckt from their backs, and being turnd out as naked  
as Platoes cocke was befoze all Diogenes his Schollers : or as  
the Cuckwe in Christmas, are more fit to come to any Knights  
board, and are indeede more seruiceable then when they are  
lapt in their warme lueries : enen so stands the case with man.  
Truth (because the bald-pate her father Time, has no haire to  
couer his head) goes (when she goes best) starke naked ; But  
falshood has euer a cloake for the raine. You see likewise that the  
Lyon, being the king of beasts, the horse being the lustiest crea-  
ture, the Unicorne, whose horne is worth halfe a City, all these  
go with no more clothes on their backs, then what nature hath  
bestowed vpon them ; But you Babiownes, and you Jack-an-  
apes (being the scum, and rascality of all the hedge-creeperes)  
they go in ierkins and mandillions : marry hoine they are put into  
these rags ouely in mockery.

Oh beware therfore both what you weare, and how you  
weare



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weare it, and let this heauenly reason moue you neuer to be ha-  
some, for when the Sunne is arising out of his bed, does not  
the element seeme more glozious then (being onely in gray)  
at noone. when hee is in all his bzauery: it were madnesse to deny  
it. What man would not gladly see a beautifull woman naked, or  
at least with nothing but a lalone or, some lose thing ouer  
her, and euen highly lift her up for being so: Shall wee then  
abhorre that in our selues, which we admire and hold to be so ex-  
cellent in others: Abhc.

## CHAP. III.

How a yong Gallant should warme himselfe by the fire: How  
attire himselfe: The description of a mans head: The praise  
of long haire-



**B**ut if (as it often happens vntil the yeare  
catch the sweating sicknesse) the morning like  
charity wearing cold, thrust his frosty fingers  
into thy bosome, pinching thee black and blew,  
(with her nailes made of yce) like an inuisible  
Goblin, so that thy teeth (as if thou wert sing-  
ing prick-song) stand coldly quauering in thy  
head, and leap vp and downe like the nimble Jackes of a paire  
of Virginals: be then as swift as a whirlewinde, and as boy-  
scous in tossing all thy cloathes in a rude heape together: With  
which bundle filling thine armes, steppe brauely forth, crying  
Roome, what a coyle keepe you about the fire? The more are  
set round about it, the more is thy commendation, if thou either  
bluntly ridest ouer their shoulders, or tumblest aside their stoles  
to creepe into the chimney corner: there toast thy body, till thy  
scorched shinne be speckled all ouer, being stained with more  
motley colours then are to be scene on the right side of the raine-  
bow.

Neither shall it be fit for the state of thy health, to put on thy  
Apparell, till by sitting in that hot house of the chimney, thou  
seelest the fat dew of thy body (like basting) runne trickling down  
thy sides: for by that meanes thou maist lawfully boast that thou  
liuest by the sweat of thy browes.

As for thy stockings and shoes, so weare them, that all men may point at thee and make thee famous by that glorious name of a Male-content. Or if thy quicksilver can turne so farre on thy errant as to fetch thee bootes out of S. Warrens. Let it be thy prudence to haue the tops of them wide as y<sup>e</sup> mouth of a walles, and those with fringed boote-hose ouer them to hang downe to thy ankles. Donnes are accounted innocent & louing creatures: thou in observing this fashion, shalt seeme to be a rough, wofe doue, and bee held as innocent. Besides, the strawling, which of necessity so much lether between thy legs must put thee into, will bee thought not to grow from thy disease, but from that gentle man-like habit.

Having thus apparelled thee from top to toe, according to that simple fashion which the best Goose-caps in Europ strue to imitate, it is now high time for me to haue a blow at thy head, which I will not cut off with sharp documents, but rather set it on faster, bestowing vpon it such excellent earring, that all the wise men of Gotham should lay their heades together, their Jobber-nowles should not bee able to compare with thine.

To maintaine therefore that scence of thine, strongly guarded, and in good reparation, neuer suffer combe to fasten his teeth there: let thy haire grow thick and bushy like a Forrest, or some wilderness, lest those fire-footed creatures that breed in it, and are Tenants to that crowne-land of thine, bee hunted to death by euery base barbarous Barber, and so that delicate and tickling pleasure of scratching, be utterly taken from thee: For the Head is a house built for Reason to dwell in: and thus is the tenement framed. The two Eyes are the glasse windowes, at which light disperes it self into euery roome, hauing goodly pent-houses of haire to ouershadow them: As for the nose, tho some (most iniuriously and improperly) make it serue for an Indian chimney, yet surely it is rightly a bridge with two arches, vnder which are neat passages to conuey as well perfumes to airc and sweeten euery chamber, as to carry away all noisome filth that is swept out of vncleane corners. The cherry lippes open like the new painted gates of a Lords Maiors house, to take in provision. The tongue is a bell, hanging full vnder the middle of the roose,

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and lest it should be rung out too deepe (as sometimes it is when women haue a peale) whereas it was cast by the first sounder, but onely to tole softly, there are two euen rows of Iuoy pegs (like pales set to keepe it in. The rates are two Musique comes into which as well good sounds as bad, descend downe two narrow paire of staires, that for all the world haue crooked windings like those that lead to the top of Bowles steeple: & because when the tunes are once gotten in, they should not too quickly slip out, all the walles of both places are plaistred with yellow wax round about them. Now as the fairest lodging, tho it be furnisht with walles, chimnies, chambers, & all other parts of Architecture, yet if the seeling be wanting, it stands subiect to raie, and so consequently to ruine. So would this goodly palace, which wee haue modelled out vnto you, bee but a cold and bald habitation, were not the top of it rarely couered. Nature therfore has plaide the Tylor, and giuen it a most curious couering, or (to speake more properly) she has thatcht it all ouer, and that Thatching is haire. If then thou desirest to reserue that Fox-skinne of wit, (thy head) for thee and the lawfull heires of thy body, play neither the scurvy part of the Frenchman, that pluckes vp all by the rootes, nor that of the spending Englishman, who to maintaine a paltry warden of vnprofitable Conies, disunparks the state-ly swift-footed wild Deere: But let thine receiue his full growth that thou maiest safely and wisely brag tis thine owne Bush-Naturall.

And with all consider, that as those tresses of Cob-web-laine, (woven by Spinners the fresh May-mornings) doe dresse the curled heads of the mountaines, and adorne the swelling bosomes of the balleyes: Or as those snowy flakes which the naked hypersteales from the innocent nibbling sheepe, to make himselfe a warme winter liuery, are to either of them both an excellent ornament: So make thou account that to haue fethers sticking here and there on thy head, will embellish and set thy crowne out rarely. None dare vpbraid thee, that like a begger thou hast lye on straw, or like a traouelling Pedler vpon misty flockes: for those feathers will rise vp as witnesses to cheake him that sayes so, and to proue that thy bed was of the softest Downe.

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When your noblest Gallants consecrate their houres to their Mistresses and to Keuelling, they weare fethers then chiefly in their hattes, being one of the fairest ensignes of their bzanery: But thou a Keueller and a Distresser all the yeare by wearing fethers in thy haire, whose length, before the rigorous edge of any puritanicall paire of scizzers should shorten the breadth of a finger, let the three huswisely spinsters of Destiny rather curtall the threed of thy life. No, long haire is the onely nette that women spread abroad to entrappe men in, and why should not men be as farre aboue women in that commodity, as they go beyond men in others? The merry Greekes were called *απὸ μακροῦ τριχὸς* long haired: lose not thou (being an honest Trojan) that honour, sithence it will moze fairely become thee. Grass is the haire of the earth, which so long as it is suffered to grow, it becomes the wearer, and carries a most pleasing colour, but when the Sunne-burnt clowne makes his mowes at it, and like a Barber) shaves it off to the stumps, then it withers and is good for nothing, but to be trussd up and throtton amongst Jades. How ugly is a bald pate: it looks like a face wanting a nose: or like ground eaten bare with the arrows of Archers, whereas a head alhid in haire, gives even to a most wicked face a sweet proportion, & looks like a meddow newly married to the Spring: which beauty in men the Turkes enuying, they no soner lay hold on a Christian, but the first marke they set vpon him, to make him know hees a slave, is to shave off all his haire close to the scull. A Mahumetan cruelty therefore is it, to stusse breeches and tennis balles with that, which when tis once lost, all the hare-hunters in the world may sweat their hearts out and yet hardly catch it againe.

Now then to whom chastity has giuen an heire apparant, take order that it may be apparant, and to that purpose let it play openly w<sup>th</sup> the lascinious wind eue on y<sup>e</sup> top of your shoulders. Experience cries out in euery Citty, that those selfe-same Criticall Saturnills, whose haire is shorter then their eye-browes, take a pride to haue their hoary beards hang slauering like a dozen of For taitles, downe so low as their middle. But (alas) why should the chinnes and lippes of old men lick by that extrement which they violently clip away from the heads of yong men? Is it



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## How a Gallant should behave himselfe in Powles-walkes.



hose: All which vertues are excellent and able to maintaine him, especially if the old worne-eaten Farmer, (his father) be dead, and left him five hundred a yeare, onely to keepe an Irish hobby, an Irish horse-boy, and himselfe (like a gentleman.) Hee therefore that would strue to fashion his legges to his like stockings, and his proud gate to his broad garters, let him whiffe downe these obseruations, for if he once get but to walke by the booke (and I see no reason but hee may as well as fight by the booke) Powles may be proud of him, Will Clarke shall ring forth Encomiums in his honour, Iohn in Powles Church-yard, shall sit his head for an excellent blocke, whilst all the Innies of Court reioyce to behold his most handsome calfe.

Your Mediterranean Ile, is then the onely gallery, wherein the pictures of all your true fashionate and complementall Guls are and ought to be hung by: into that gallery carry your neat body, but take heede you pick out such an houre, when the maine Shoale of Ilanders are swimming by and downe: and first obserue your doores of entrance, and your Exit, not much vnlike the plaiers at the Theaters, keeping your Decorums even in phantasticality. As for example: if you proue to be a Northerne Gentleman I would wish you to passe through the North doore more often (especially) then any of the other: and so according to your countries, take note of your entrances.

Now for your venturing into the Walke. be circumspect and wary what piller you come in at, and take heede in any case (as you loue the reputation of your honour) that you auoide the Seruingmans Logg, and approach not within five fadoms of that Pillar, but bend your course directly in the middle line, that the whole body of the Church may appeare to be yours, where, in view of all, you may publish your suit in what manner you affect most, either with the side of your cloake from the one shoulder, and then you must (as twere in anger) suddenly snatch at the middle of the inside (if it be tassata at the least) and so by y<sup>e</sup> meanes your costly lining is betrayd, or else by the pretty aduantage of Complement. But one note by the way do I especially woe you to, the neglect of which, makes many of our Gallants cheape and ordinary, that by no meanes you be seene aboue foure turnes, but in the first make your selfe away, either in some of the



the Sempsters shops, the new Tobacco-office, or amongst the  
Booke-sellers, wherz, if you cannot reade, exercise your smooke,  
and inquire who has writ against this diuine waede: &c. For  
this withdrawing your selfe a little, will much benefite your  
suit, which else by too long walking, would be stale to the whole  
spectatozs: but howsoeuer, if Powles Jacks bee once vp to their  
elb:wes, and quarrelling to strike eleuen, as sone as euer the  
clock has parted them, and ended the fray with his hammer,  
let not the Dukes gallery conteyne you any longer, but passe a-  
way apace in open view. In which departure, if by chance you  
either encounter, or alsoe off throw your inquisitiue eye vpon  
any knight or Squire, being your familiar, salute him not by his  
name of Sir such a one, or so, but call him Ned or Iack &c. This  
will set off your estimation with great men: and if (tho there be  
a dozen companies betwene you, tis the better) hee call a-  
lovd to you (for thats most gentile) to know where he shall find  
you at two a clock, tell him at such an Ordinary or such, and bee  
sure to name those that are dearest, and whither none but your  
Gallants resort. After dinner you may appeare againe hauing  
translated your selfe out of your English cloth cloak, into a light  
Turky-grogram (if you haue that happinesse of shifting) and  
then be seene (so a turne or two) to correct your teeth with some  
quill, or siluer instrument, and to cleanse your gummes with a  
wrought handkercher: It skilles not whether you dinde or no,  
(thats best knowne to your stomach) or in what place you dinde,  
though it were with chiese (of your owne mothers making) in  
your chamber or study.

Now if you chance to bee a Gallant not much crost amongst  
Citizens, that is, a Gallant in the Percets booke, exalted for  
Sattens and veluets, if you be not so much blest to bee crost  
(as I hold it the greatest blessing in the world, to bee great  
in no mans booke) your Powles walke is your onely refuge:  
the Dukes Lamb is a Sanctuary, and will keepe you aliuie from  
woznes and land-rattes, that long to be feeding on your carcas:  
there you may spend your legs in winter a whole after-noon:  
conuerse, plot, laugh, and talke any thing, lest at your Creditoz,  
euen to his face, and in the euening, euen by lamp-light, scale  
ont, & so cozen a whole coue of abhominable catch-pols.

Neuer be sene to mount the steeppes into the quire, but vpon a high festiuall day, to preferre the fashion of your doublet, and especially if the singing boyes come to take note of you: for they are able to buzze your praises, aboue their A-hems, if their voyces haue not lost their mutton-heads: but be sure your silver spurres dogge your heeles, and then the Boyes will swarme about you like so many white butter-flies when you in the open Quire shall drawe forth a pecuniary embroidered purse, (the glorious sight of which will entice you to countenance from their deuotion to wandering,) and giue it. Deliver into the Boyes handes, that it may be heard aboue the first lesson, although it be read in a voyce as big as one of the great Organs.

This noble and notable Act being performed, you are to be nigh presently out of the Quire, & to appeare againe in the walk; But in any wise be not observed to tread there long alone, for feare you be suspected to be a Gallant, & heard from the society of Captains and Fighlers.

Sucke this humour vp especially: But off to neare, while his hatband be of a newe fashion, yours, & then he may quarrel: but for him that wears a tied ribbons about his hatte, (though he were an Aldermans sonne) neuer moue to him: for hees suspected to be worse then a Gull, & not worth the putting off to, that cannot obserue the time of his hat-band, nor know what fashiond block is most kin to his head: for in my opinion, & byaine that cannot show his felt well, (being the head ornament) must needs polare folly into all the rest of the members, and bee an absolute confirmed Fole, in Summa Totali.

All the wiseest horses in a tedious seige, cannot shew so many fashions, as ate to be sene for nothing euery day in Duke Humfries walke. If therefore you determine to enter into a new suit, warne your Tulo: to attend you in Polioles who, with his hat in his hand, shall like a spy discover the fruffe, colour and fashion of any doublet or hose that shal be seene there, and stepping behind a pille: to fill his table-booke with those notes, will presently send you into the world an accomplished man, by which meanes you shall weare your clothes in print in the first edition.

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But if Fortune fauour you so much as to make you no more then a more country gentleman, or but some . . . degrees remou'd from him, (so which I should be very soze, because your London-experience will cost you deere before you shal haue y<sup>e</sup> wit to know what you are) then take this lesson along with you: The first tyme that you venture into Powles, passe through the body of the Church like a p<sup>er</sup>for, yet presume not to fetch so much as one whole tyme in the middle Ile, no nor to cast an eye to Signis doore (pall'd & plaited up with Seruingmens supplications) before you haue paid tribute to the top of Powles Steeple with a single penny: And when you are mounted there, take heed how you take doore into the yard; for the rails are as rotten as your great Grandfather: and thereupon it will not be amiss if you enquire how Kit Woodroffe durst vault ouer, and what reason he had for, to put his necke in hazard of reparations. From hence you may descend to talke about the horse that went by, and stauie if you can to know his keeper, take the day of the Month, and the number of the steppes, and suffer your selfe to beane verily that it was not a horse, but something else in the kennell of one. Which wonders you may publish when you returne into the country, to the great amazement of all Farmers daughters that will almost fownd at the report, and neuer recouer till their bawes bee a kid twice in the Church.

But I haue not left you yet: Before you come doore againe, I would desire you to drinke your knife, and graue your name, (or so; want of a name, the marke which you clap on your sheep) in great Characters vpon the leades by a number of your brethren (both Citizens and country Gentlemen) and so you shall be sure to haue your name lye in a coffin of lead when your selfe shall be wrapt in a winding-sheete: and indeed the top of Powles contains more names then Stowes Chronicle. These lofty reche being plac'd, and you (thanks to your fate) being safely arriud at the staires scote againe, your next worthy worke is, to repaire to my Lord Chancellors Tomb (and if you can but reasonably spel) best to some time vpon y<sup>e</sup> reading of sir Phillip Sydneys booke of Astroph in the compasse of an houre you may make shift to turne it out. The great Dyall is your last monument, there

bestow some halfe of the threescore minutes, to obserue the salu-  
cinesse of the Jackes, that are aboue the man in the moone there:  
the strangenesse of the motion will quit your labour. Besides,  
you may heere haue fit occasion to discouer your watch by taking  
it forth, and setting the wheeles to the time of Powles, which I  
assure you goes truer by five notes then S. Sepulchers Chimes.  
The benefit that wil arise from hence is this, y you publish your  
Change in maintaining a gilded clocke; and withall the wo:ld  
shall know that you are a time-pleaser. By this I imagine you  
haue walkt your belly ful, & therupon being weary, or (which ra-  
ther I beleene) being most Gentleman-like hungry, it is fit that  
as I brought you into the Duke, so (because he followes the fa-  
shion of great men, in keeping no house, and that therefore you  
must go seeke your dinner) suffer me to take you by the hand, and  
lead you into an Ordinary.

## CHAP. V.

How a yong Gallant should behaue himselfe in an Ordi-  
nary.



**F**IRST, Having diligently enquired out an Or-  
dinary of the largest reckoning, whither most of  
your Courtly Gallants do resort, let it be your vse  
to repaire thither some halfe houre after eleuen, so  
then you shall find most of your fashion-mongers  
planted in the roome waiting for meate: ride thither vpon your  
galloway-nag, or your Spanish Jennet, a swift ambling pace,  
in your hose and doublet (gilt rapier & poniard bestowd in their  
places) and your French Lackey, carrying your cloake, and  
running before you, or rather in a coach, so that will both hide  
you from the baseliske-eyes of your credito:rs, and out-runne a  
whole kennell of bitter mouthed Sericants.

Being arind in the roome, salute not any but those of your  
acquaintance: walke vp and downe by the rest as scornfully and  
as carelesly as a Gentleman Usher: Select some friend (having  
first throwne off your cloake) to walke vp and downe the roome  
with you, let him be saited if you can, worse by farre then your  
selfe, he will be a foyle to you: & this will be a meanes to publish  
your



your clothes better, then Powles, a Tennis-court, or a Play-house: discourse as lowd as you can, no matter to what purpose, if you but make a noise, and laugh in fashion, and haue a good sower face to promise quarrelling, you shall bee much obserued.

If you be a souldier, talke how often you haue bene in action: as the Portingale voyage Cales voyage, the Island voyage, besides some eight or nine imployments in Ireland and the low Countries: then you may discourse how honozably your Graue vled you: obserue that you cal your Graue Maurice your Graue. How often you haue drunk with Count such a one, and such a Count on your knees to your Graues health: and let it bee your vertue to giue place neither to S. Kynock, nor to any Dutchman, whatsoener in the seuentene Prouinces for that Souldiers complement of drinking. And if you perceiue that the vntraueld company about you take this dooone well, ply them with more such stuffe, as, how you haue interpreted betwene the French King, and a great Lord of Barbary, when they haue oeen drinking healthes together, and that will be an excellent occasion to publish your languages, if you haue them: if not, get some fragments of french, or smal parcels of Italian to sling about the table; but beware how you speake any Latine there, your Ordinary most commonly hath no more to do with Latine then a desperate towe of Garison hath.

If you be a Courtier, discourse of the obtaining of Suits: of your mistresses fauours, &c. Make inquiry if any gentleman at boord haue any suit to get, which he would vse y good means of a great mans Interest with the King: and withall (if you haue not so much grace left in you as to blush) that you are (thanks to your scarres) in mightie credit, though in your owne conscience you know, and are guilty to your selfe that you dare not, (but onely vpon the priuiledges of handsome clothes) presume to peepe into the presence. Demand if there bee any Gentleman, (whom any there is acquainted with) that is troubled with two offices, or any Vicar with two Church-luings; which will politically insinuate, that your inquiry after them, is because you haue good meanes to obtaine them; yea, and rather then your tongue should not be heard in the roome, but that you should sit

(like an Ape) with your finger in your mouth and sweake nothing: discourse how often this Lady hath sent her Coach for you: and how often you haue sweate in the Tennis-court with that great Lord: for indeede the sweating together in Fraunce (I meane the society of Tennis) is a great argument of most deere affection, even betwene noble men and Peasants.

If you be a Poet and come into the Ordinary (though it can be no great glory to be an ordinary Poet) order your selfe thus: Obserue no man, doff not cap to that Gentleman to day at dinner, to whom not two nights since, you were beholden for a supper: but after a tarme or two in the roome, take occasion (pulling out your gloves) to haue some Epigram, or Satyre (or Sonnet, fastned in one of them, that may (as it were) committingly to you) offer it selfe to the Gentlemen: they will presently desire it: but without much commendation from them, and a pretty kind of counterfet loathnes in your selfe, do not read it: and though it be none of your owne, sweare you made it. Hark when chance to get into your hands any witty thing of another mans that is somewhat better, I would counsell you then, if demand bee made who composd it, you may say, saith a learned Gentleman, a very worthy friend: And this seeming to lay it on another man will be counted either modestie in you, or a signe that you are not ambitious of praise, or else that you dare not take it upon you for feare of the sharpnesse it carries with it. Besides, it will adde much to your fame to let your tongue walke faster then your teeth, though you be neuer so hungry, and rather then you should sit like a dumb Cuckold, to repeat by heart either some verses of your owne, or of any other minkys stretchings, euen very good lines vpon the rack of censure, though it be against all law, honestie or conscience, it may chaunce saue you the price of your Ordinary, & beget you other Suppliments. Hark I would further intreat our Poet to be in league with the Mistress of the Ordinary because from her (vpon condition that he will but ryme knights and yong gentlemen to her house, and maintaine the table in good soiling) he may easily make vp his mouth at her cost, Gratis.

Thus much for particular men, but in generall let all that are in Ordinary-pay, march after the sound of these directions. Be-



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for the meate come smacking to the board, our Gallant must draw out his Tobacco-box, the labell for the cold snuffe into the nostrill, the tongs and prining Iron: All which artillery may be of gold or silver (if he can reach to the price of it) it will be a reasonable usefull pawninge at all times, when the current of his money falles out to run low. And heere you must obserue to know in what state Tobacco is in towne, better then the Merchants, and to discourse of the Potecaries where it is to be sold, and to be able to speake of their wines as readily as the Potecary himselfe reading the barbarous hand of a Doctor: then let him shew his seuerall tricks in taking it. As the Whiffe, the Ring, &c. For these are complements that gaine Gentlemen no meane respect, and for which indeede they are more worthily noted, I ensure you, then for any skill that they haue in learning.

When you are set downe to dinner, you must eate as impudently as can be (for thats most Gentleman like) when your Knight is vpon his steeved Button, be you presently (though you be but a Capten) in the bosome of your gorse: and when your Justice of peace is knuckle deepe in gorse, you may without disparagement to your bloud, though you haue a Lady to your mother, fall very manfully to your woodcocks.

You may rise in dinner time to aske for a close stole, protesting to all the gentlemen that it costs you a hundred pound a yeare in physicke, besides the Annuall pension which your wife allowes her Doctor: And (if you please) you may (as your great French Lord doth) invite some speciall friend of yours, from the table to hold discourse with you as you sit in that withdrawing chamber: from whence being returned againe to the board, you shall sharpen the wits of all the eating Gallants about you, and doe them great pleasure to aske what Pamphlets or Poems a man might thinke fittest to wipe his taile with (marry this talke will be some what sottile if you carry not a strong perfume about you) and in propounding this question, you may abuse the wozkes of any man, deprave his writings that you cannot equall, and purchase to your selve in time the terrible name of a seuerer Criticke: nay and be one of the Colledge, if you be liberall enough: and (when your turne comes) pay for their suppers.

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After dinner, euery man as his busines leades him: some to dice, some to dyabls, some to playes, some to take vp friends in the Court, some to take vp money in the Citty, some to lende tilters in Bowles, others to borrow Crownes vpon the Exchange: and thus as the people is sayd to bee a beast of many heads (yet all those heads like Hydras) ener growing as various in their hoznes as wondrous in their budding & branching, so in an Ordinary you shal find the variety of a whole kingdome in a few Apes of the kingdome.

You must not sweare in your dicing: for that Argues a violent impatience to depart from your money, and in time will betray a mans neede. Take heede of it. No! whether you be at Primero or Hazard, you shal sit as patiently (though you lose a whole halfe yeares exhibition) as a disarmed Gentleman does when hee is in y<sup>e</sup> vnnmerciful fingers of Sericants. Mary I will allow you to sweat privately, and teare six or seven score paire of cards, be the damnation of some dozen or twenty baile of vice, & so sweare play a thousand times in an houre, but not sweare. Dice your selfe into your shirt: and if you haue a beard that your friend wil lend but an angell vpon, shane it off and pawne that rather then to goe home blinde to your lodging.

Further, it is to be remembred, He that is a great Gamester, may be trusted for a quarters board at all times, and apparell provided if neede be.

At your twelae penny Ordinary you may giue any Justice of peace, or yong Knight (if hee sit but one degree towards the Equinotiall of the Salt-seller) leave to pay for the wine, and hee shall not refuse it, though it be a weeke before the receiuing of his quarters rent, which is a time albeit of good hope, yet of present necessity.

There is another Ordinary to which your London Usurer, your stale Batchilo, and your thursty Atturney do resort: the price threepence: the comes as full of company as a Haile, and indeede divided into seuerall wards, like the beds of an Hospital. The complement betwene these is not much, their words few: for the belly hath no eares, euery mans eie here is vpon the other mans trencher, to note whether his fellow lurch him or no: if they chaunge to discourse, it is of nothing but of Statutes, Bonds,



Bonds, Recognizances, Fines, Recoveries, Audits, Rents, Subsidies, Suerties, Inclosures, Liveries, Inditements, ourlaries, Feoffments, Iudgments, Commissions, Bankerouts, Amercements, and of such horrible matter, that when a Lifetenant dines with his punk in the next roome, hee thinkes verily the men are coniuring. I can find nothing at this Ordinary worthy the sitting downe for: therefore the cloth shall bee taken away, and those that are thought good enough to be guests heere, shall be too base to bee waiters at your Grand Ordinary. At which, your Gallant tastes these commodities; he shall fare wel, enjoy good company, receiue all the newes ere the post can deliuer his packet, be perfect where the best balwy-houses stand, proclaime his good clothes, know this man to drinke well, that to feede grossly, the other to swaggar roughly: he shall if hee bee minded to tranell, put out money vpon his returns, and haue hands enough to receiue it, vpon any termes of repayment: And no question if he be poore, he shall now and then light vpon some Gull or other, whom he may skelder (after the gentile fashion) of money: By this time the parings of fruit and Cheese are in the boyder, Cards and dice lie stinking in the fire, the guests are all by, the guilt rapiers ready to be hangd, the French Lacquey, and Irish Swoteboy, shugging at the doores with their masters hobby-horses, to ride to the new play: thats the Randalenous: thither they are gallopt in post, let vs take a paire of Dares, and now lustily after them.

CHAP. VI.

How a Gallant should behaue himsefe in a Play-hoose.



The Theater is your Poets Royal Exchange, vpon which, their Muses (y are now turnd to Merchants) meeting, barter away that light commodity of words for a lighter ware then words. Plaudities and the Breath of the great Beall, which (like the threarnings of two Cowards) vanish all into aire. Players and their Factors, who put away the Ruffe, and make the best of it they possibly can (as indeed tis their parts so to doe)

your Gallant, your Countier and your Capten, had wont to be the soundest paymaisters, and I thinke are still the surest chapmen: and these by meanes that their heades are well stockt, deale vpon this comical freight by the grosse: when your Groundling and Gallery Commoner buyes his sport by the penny, and like a Hagler, is glad to offer it againe by retailing.

Whence then the place is so free in entertainment, allowing a stoule as well to the Farmers sonne as to your Templer: that your Stinkard has the selfe same libertie to be there in his Tobacco-fumes, which your sweet Courtier hath: and that your Car-man and Winker claime as strong a voice in their suffrage, and sit to giue iudgement on the plaies life and death, as well as the proudest Momus among the tribe of Critick: It is fit y<sup>e</sup> he, whom the most tailors bills do make Rome for, when he comes should not be basely (like a byoll) cast vp in a corner.

Whether therefore the gatherers of the publique or priuate Play-house stand to receiue the afternoones rent. let our Gallant (having paid it) presently aduance himselfe vp to the Throne of the Stage. I meane not into the Lords roome, (which is now but the Stages Suburbs) for, those boxes by the iniquity of custome, conspiracy of waiting-women and Gentlemen-Albers, that there sweat together, and the contentiousnes of Sharers, are contemptibly thrust into the reare, and much new Satten is there damnd by being smothered to death in darknesse. But on the very Rushes where the Commedy is to dounce, yea and vnder the state of Cambises himselfe must our fetherd Estridge, like a piece of Ordnance be planted ballantly (because impudently) beating downe the melmes & hills of the opposed rascalitie.

For do but cast vp a reckoning, what largeummings in are purd vp by sitting on the Stage, first a conspicuous Eminence is gotten, by which meares the best and most essenciall parts of a Gallant (good cloathes, a proportionable legge, white hand, the Persian lock, and a tollerable beard) are perfectly revealed.

By sitting on the stage, you haue a signd pattent to engrosse the whole commodity of Censure; may lawfully presume to be a Corder: & stand at the helme to steere the passage of Scenes yet.



yet no man shal once offer to hinder you from obtaining the title of an insolent over-weening Corcombe.

By sitting on the stage, you may (without travelling for it) at the very next doore, aske whose play it is: and by that Quest of Inquiry, the law warrants you to avoid much mistaking: if you know not the author, you may raile against him: and peradventure so behane your selfe, that you may enforce the Author to know you.

By sitting on the stage, if you be a Knight, you may happily get you a Distresse: if a mere Fleet Street Gentleman, a wife; but assure your selfe by continuall residence, you are the first and principall man in election to begin the number of We three.

By spreading your body on the stage, and by being a Justice in examining of plaies, you shall put your selfe into such true Scenickall authoritty that some Poet shall not dare to present his Phase rudely vpon your eyes, without hauing first unmaskt her, rissled her, and discovered all her bare and most mysticall parts before you at a Lanterne, when you most knightly shal for his paines, pay for both their suppers.

By sitting on the stage, you may (with small cost) purchase the deere acquaintance of the boyes: haue a good stole for sit-pence: at any time know what particular part any of the infants present: get your match lighted, examine the play-suits lace, and perhaps win wagers vpon laying tis copper, &c. And to conclude whether you be a stole or a Justice of peace, a Cuckold or a Capten, a Lord of Miseryes some or a dawworke, a knave or an vnder Whorlfe, of what stamp soeuer you be, currant or counterfeit, the Stage-like time will bring you to most perfect light, and lay you open: neither are you to be hunted from thence though the Scar-crowes in the yard, hoot at you, hiss at you, spit at you, yea shrowd hurt even in your teeth: tis most Gentleman like patience to endure all this, and to laugh at the silly Animals; but if the Rabble with a full throat, crie away with the stole, you were worse then a mad-man to tarry by it: for the Gentleman and the stole should neuer sit on the Stage together.

Harry let this obseruation go hand in hand with the rest: or rather like a country-seruingman, some sixe yards before them

Present not your selfe on the Stage ( especially at a new play )  
 untill the quaking prologue hath ( by rubbing ) got culloz into  
 his cheekes, and is ready to giue the trumpets their Cue that  
 hees upon point to enter: so; then it is time, as though you  
 were one of the Properties, or that you dropt out of y Hangings  
 to crape from behind the Arras with your Tripes or three-so-  
 ted stole in one hand, and a tesson mounted betwene a fore-  
 finger and a thumbe in the other: so; if you should bestow your  
 person vpon the vulgar, when the belly of the house is but halfe  
 full, your apparell is quite eaten vp, the fashion lost, and the  
 proportion of your body in more danger to be deuoured, then if  
 it were serud vp in the Counter amongst the Dowltry: auoid  
 that as you would the Bassome. It shall crowne you with rich  
 commendation to laugh aloud in the middelt of the most seri-  
 ous and saddest scene of the terriblest Tragedy: and to let that  
 clapper ( your tongue ) be tost so high that all the house may ring  
 of it: your Lords vse it; your Knights are Apes to the Lords,  
 and do so too: your Inne-a-court-man is Zany to the Knights,  
 and ( many very scurvily ) comes likewise limping after it: bee  
 thou a beagle to them all, and neuer lin snuffing till you haue  
 sented them: so; by talking and laughing ( like a Blough-man in  
 a Morris ) you heape Pelion vpon Ossa, glory vpon glory: As  
 first, all the eyes in the galleries will leaue walking after the  
 Playets, and onely follow you: the simplest dolt in the house  
 snatches vp your name, and when he meetes you in the streetes,  
 or that you fall into his hands in the middle of a Match, his  
 word shall be taken so; you, heele cry, Hees such a Gallant, and  
 you passe. Secondly, you publish your tempezanee to the world,  
 in that you seeme not to resort thither to fassse vaine pleasures  
 with a hungrie appetite; but onely as a Gentleman, to spend a  
 foolish houre or two, because you can doe nothing else. Thirdly  
 you mightily disrelish the Audience, and disgrace the Author:  
 maye you take vp ( though it be at the worst hand ) a strong o-  
 pinion of your owne iudgement and inforce the Poet to take  
 pittie of your weakenesse, and by some dedicated sonnet to bring  
 you into a better paradise, onely to stop your mouth.

If you can ( either so; loue or money ) provide your selfe a  
 lodging by the water side: so; about the conueniencie it byings,  
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to shun Shoulder-clapping, and to ship away your Cockatrice betimes in the morning, it addes a kind of State vnto you, to be carried from thence to the staires of your Play-house: hate a Sculler (remember that) worse then to be acquainted with one ath Scullery. So, your Dares are your onely Sea-crabs, board them, & take heed you neuer go twice together w one paire: often shifting is a great credit to Gentlemen: & that diuiding of your Fare will make y poore waterhaks be ready to pul you in peeces to enioy your custome: No matter whether vpon landing you haue money or no, you may swim in twentie of their boates ouer the riuer, vpon Ticker: mary when silver comes in, remember to pay trebble their fare, & it will make your flounder-catchers to send moze thankes after you, when you doe not vray, then when you doe: for they know, It will be their owne another daie.

Before the Play begins, fall to cardes, you may win or lose (as Fencers doe in a prize) and beate one another by confederacie, yet share the money when you meate at supper: notwithstanding, to gul the Ragga-muffins that stand a lose gaping at you, throw the cards (hauing first tome foure or five of them) round about the Stage, inst vpon the third sound, as though you had lost: it skills not if the foure knaues ly on their backs, and outface the Audience, theres none such soles as dare take exceptions at them, because ere the play go off, better knaues then they, will fall into the company.

Now sir, if the writer be a fellow that hath either epigramd you, or hath had a flirt at your mistris, or hath brought either your feathet or your red beard, or your little legs et. on the stage, you shall disgrace him worse then by tossing him in a blauket, or giuing him the bastinado in a Tauerne, if in the middle of his play, (bee it Pastorall or Comedy, Morall or Tragedie) you rise with a skreud and discontented face from your stole to be gone: no matter whether the Scenes be good or no, the better they are, the worse doe you distast them: and being on your feete, sneake not away like a coward, but salute all your gentle acquaintance, that are spred either on the rushes, or on stoles about you, and vray what trope you can from the stage after you: the Mimicks are beholden to you, for allowing them

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them elbowe come : their Poet cries perhaps a por go with you, but care not you for that, theres no musick without frets.

Wary if either the company, or indisposition of the weather binde you to sit it out, my counsell is then that you turne plaine Ape, take by a rush and tickle the earnest eares of your fellow gallants, to make other soles fall a laughing: meloe at passionate speeches, blare at merrie, finde fault with the musicke, whistle at the childrens Action, whistle at the songs: and aboute all, curse the sharers, that whereas the same day you had bestowed forty shillings on an embroidered felt and feather, (scotch-fashion) for your mistres in the Court, or your punch in the Cittie, within two houres after, you encounter with the very same block on the stage, when the haberdasher swooze to you the impression was extant but that morning.

To conclude, hezd by the finest play-scrapes you can get, vpon which your leane wit may most saunterly feede for want of other stufte, when the Arcadian and Euphuird gentlewomen haue their tongues sharpened to set vpon you: that qualittie (next to your shuttlecocke) is the onely furniture to a Courtier thats but a new beginner, and is but in his A B C of complement. The next places that are fild, after the Playhouses bee emptied, are (or ought to be) Tauerne, into a Tauerne then let vs next march, where the bzaines of one Hogthead must be beaten out to make vp another.

CHAP. 8.

How a gallant should behaue himselfe in a Tauerne.



Who soeuer desires to bee a man of good reckoning in the Cittie, and (like your French Lord) to haue as many tables furnisht, as Lackies (who when they keepe least, keepe none) whether he be a yong Quar of the first yeres reuennew, or some austere and sullen fact steward, who (in despite of a great beard, a latten suite, and a chaine of gold wrapt in cipers) proclaimnes himselfe to any (but to those to whom his Lord owes money) for a ranck corcombe, or whether he be a country gentleman that brings his



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his wife vp to learne the fashion, see the Tombs at Westminster, the Lyons in the Tower, or to take physicke, or else is some yong farmer, who many times makes his wife (in the country) believe he hath suits in law, because he will come vp to his letchery: be he of what stamp he will that hath money in his purse, and a good conscience to spend it, my counsell is that he take his continuall diet at a Tauerne, which (out of question) is the onely Rende-vous of boone company; and the Drabers the most nimble, the most bold, and most sudden proclaimers of your largest bounty.

Having therefore thrust your selfe into a case most in fashion (how course soeuer the stuffe be, tis no matter so it hold fashion) your office is (if you meane to do your iudgement right) to enquire out those Tauerne which are best custome, whose maisters are oftenest drunke (for that confirms their taste, and that they chose wholesome wines) and such as stand furthest from y<sup>e</sup> counters, where landing your self & your followers, your first complement shall be to grow most inwardly acquainted with the Drabers, to learne their names, as Iack, and Will, and Tom, to diue into their inclinations, as whether this fellow vseth to the Fencing Schole, this to the Dauncing Schole; whether that yong coniuurer (in Hogsheads) at midnight, keepes a Gelding now and then to visit his Cockatrice, or whether he loue dogs, or be addicted to any other eminent and Citizen-like quality: and protest your selfe to be extreamely in loue, and that you spend much money in a yeare, vpon any one of those exercises which you perceiue is, followed by them. The vse which you shall make of this familiarity is this: If you want money five or six daies together, you may still pay the reckoning, with this most Gentlemanlike language Boy, fetch me money from the Barre, and keepe your selfe most, prouidently from a hungry melancholly in your chamber. Besides, you shal be sure (if there be but one sawcet that can betray neate wine to the barre) to haue that arraignd before you, sooner then a better and worthier person.

The first question you are to make (after the discharging of your pocket of Tobacco and pipes, and the household stuffe there to belonging) shall be for an inventorie of the Kitchen: for it

were more then most Tailor-like, and to be suspected you were in league with some Kitchen-wench, to descend your selfe, to offend your Stomach with the sight of the Larder, and happily to greaze your Accomptments. Having therefore receiued this bill, you shall (like a Capten putting by deere paies) haue many Gallads stand on your table, as it were for blankes to the other more seruiceable dishes: and according to the time of the yeare, vary your fare, as Capon is a stirring meate sometime, Diflers are a swelling meate sometimes, Trotol a tickling meate sometimes, greene Goose, and Woodcock a delicate meate sometimes, especially in a Tauerne, where you shall sit in as great state as a Church-warden amongst his poore Parishioners at Pentecost or Christmas.

For your drinke, let not your Physitian confine you to any one particular liquore: for as it is requisite that a Gentleman should not alwaies be plodding in one Art, but rather bee a generall Scholler (that is, to haue a like at all sorts of learning & away). So tis not fitting a man should trouble his head with sucking at one Grape, but that he may be able (now there is a generall peace) to drinke any stranger drinke in his owne element of drinke, or more properly in his owne mist language.

Your discourse at the table must be such as that which you utter at your Ordinary: your behauour the same, but somewhat more carelesse: for where your expence is great, let your modesty be lesse: and though you should be mad in a Tauerne, the largenesse of the Items will beare with your inciuility, you may without prick to your conscience set the want of your wit against the superfluity and saluines of their reckonings.

If you desire not to be haunted with Fidlers (who by the statute haue as much libertie as Roagues to trauell into any place, hauing the passport of the house about them) bring then no women along with you; but if you loue the company of all the drabwers, neuer suppe without your Cockatrice: for hauing her there, you shall be sure of most officious attendance. Enquire what Gallants sup in the next roome, and if they be any of your acquaintance, do not you (after the City fashion) send them in a pottle of wine, and your name sweetned in two pittifull papers of Sugar, with some filthy Apologie crand into the mouth



of a Drawer; but rather keepe a boy in fee, who vnder hand shall proclaime you in euery roome, what a gallant fellow you are, how much you spend yearely in Tauerries, what a great gamester, what custome you bring to the house, in what witty discourse you maintaine a table, what Gentlewomen, or Cittizens wines you can with a wet finger haue at any time to sup with you, and such like. By which Encomiasticks of his, they that know you not; shall admire you, and thinke themselves to bee brought into a paradise but to be meanelly in your acquaintance: and if any of your endeared friends be in the house, and beate the same Iuy-bush that your selfe does, you may ioyne companies and bee drunke together most publikly.

But in such a deluge of drinke, take heede that no man counterfeite him selfe drunck, to free his purse from the danger of the shot: tis an vsuall thing now amongst gentlemen, it had wont bee the qualitie of Cockneies, I would aduise you to leaue so much braines in your head, as to preuent this. When the terrible Reckoning (like an inditement) bids you hold vp your hand, and that you must answer it at the barre, you must not abate one peny in any particular, no, though they reckon chiefe to you when you haue neither eaten any, nor could euer abide it, raw or toasted: but cast your eie onely vpon the Totalis and no surdus; for to tranerse the bill, would betray you to be acquainted with the rates of the market, nay more, it would make the Wintners beleue, you were Pater-familias, and kept a house. which I assure you is not now in fashion.

If you fall to dice after Supper, let the drawers be as familiar with you as your Barber, and venture their siluer amongst you: no matter where they had it, you are to cherish the vntidiness of such yong tame pignons, if you be a right gentleman: for when two are yoaht together by the purse strings, & draw the Chariot of Madam Prodigalitie, when one faints in the way, and slips his hornes, let the other reioice and laugh at him.

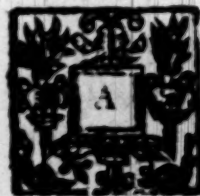
At your departure forth the house, to kisse mine Hostis ouer the barre, or to accept of the courtesie of the Celler, when tis offered you by the drawers (and you must know that kindnes neuer crepes vpon them, but when they see you almost cleft

to the shoulders) or to bid any of the Wintuers good night, is as commendable, as for a Barber after trimming to lase your face with sweete water.

To conclude, count it an honour either to invite, or to be invited to any Risling, for commonly though you finde much sat-ten there, yet you shall likewise find many cittizens sonnes, and heires, and yonger brothers there who smell out such feasts more greedily then Taylors but upon sundaies after weddings. And let any hooke draw you either to a fencers supper, or to a Players that acts such a part for a wager: for by this meanes you shall get experience by being guilty to their abhominable shauing.

## CHAP. 8.

How a gallant is to behaue himselfe passing through the Cittie at all houres of the night, and how to passe by any watch.



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to the shoulders) or to bid any of the Wintuers good night, is as commendable, as for a Barber after trimming to lase your face with swete water.

To conclude, count it an honour either to invite, or to be invited to any Risling, for commonly though you finde much sat-ten there, yet you shall likewise find many cittisens sonnes, and heires, and yonger brothers there who smell out such feasts more greedily then Taylors hat vpon sandaies after weddings. And let any hooke draw you either to a ffencers supper, or to a Players that acts such a part for a wager: for by this meanes you shall get experience by being guilty to their abhominable shauing.

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(as though you had sup't with knights) albeit you had none in your company, but your Perinado or your Inghle.

Happily it will be blowne abroad that you and your Schoole of Gallants swoni through such an Ocean of wine, that you danced so much money out at heeles, and that in wild-foule there flew away thus much, and I assure you to haue the bill of your reckoning lost of purpose, so that it may be publish't, will make you to be held in deere estimation: onely the danger is, if you owe money, and that your reuealing gets your Creditors by the eares; for then looke to haue a peale of ordinance thundring at your chamber dore the next morning. But if either your Tailor, Percer, Haberdasher, Silke-man, Cutter, Linnen-Draper, or Sempster, stand like a guard of Switzers about your lodging watching your vprising, or if they misse of that, your downe lying in one of the Counters, you haue no meanes to auoid the galling of their small shot, then by sending out a light-horseman to call your Potecary to your aide, who encountering this desperate band of your Creditors, only with 2. or 3. glasses in his hand, as though that day you purgd, is able to driue them all to their holes like so many Foxes: for the name of taking physicke is a sufficient Quicquies est, to any endangered Gentleman, and giues an acquittance (for the time) to them all, though the twelue Companies stand with their hoods to attend your comming forth, and their Officers with them.

I could now fetch you about none (the houre which I prescribed you before to rise at) out of your chamber, and carry you with mee in to Paules Church-yard, where planting your selfe in a Stationers shop, many instructions are to bee giuen you, what booke to call for, how to censure of new booke, how to mew at the old, how to looke in your tables and inquire for such and such Greeke, French, Italian or Spanish Authors, whose names you haue there, but whom your mother for pittie would not giue you so much wit as to vnderstand. From thence you should blow your selfe into the Tobacco-Ordinary, where you are likewise to spend your iudgement (like a Quack-saluer) vpon that mysticall wonder, to bee able to discourse whether your Cane or your Pudding be sweetest, and which pipe has the best boare, and which burnes black, which breakes in the burning, &c.



ec. Or if you itch, to step into the Barbers, a whole Dictionary cannot afford more words to set downe notes what Dialogues you are to maintaine whilst you are Doctor of the Chaire there. After your shauing, I could breath you in a Fence-schoole, and out of that rudgell you into a Dauncing Schoole, in both which I could weary you by shewing your more tricks then are in 5. galleries, or 15. prizes. And to close vp the stomach of this feast, I could make Cockneies, whose fathers haue left them well, acknowledge themselves infinitely beholden to me for teaching them by familiar demonstration, how to spend their patrimony, and to get themselves names when their fathers are dead and rotten. But lest too many dishes should cast you into a surfet, I will now take away: yet so that if I perceiue you relish this well, the rest shall be (in time) prepared for you.

Fare-well.

FINIS.

